2/18/70

Dear Dick,

This is in part a response to your 2/9 to Harold and other things.

The Archives can make color 35mm slides of the ballistics specimens for me for $1.00 each with a minimum of 5. I am going to have an extreme color close-up of the 399 base made, color comparison of all of the bullets, plus color side-lights of the 5 cartridge case ends with the primer indentations. Is there anything you would like taken? Tell me if you would like to go in with this to have original slides of your own (possibly for things which I would not want) or if I should go ahead on my own and just have duplicates made for you and, if he wants, Harold.

Bishop: Don't bother buying the paperback for Harold's notes for I have indicated to a certain extent on them the corresponding pages in the hardback which I have; the others are not hard to find. Harold's notes are enclosedfor you to copy but they must be returned to me for that is the only copy I have. I've also enclosed a copy of my comments which you may keep.

.303: There are many coincidences with this, as you note. There is also what Fil. told me about the large head wounds these produce, plus something I just noticed: A .303 Enfield is advertised in the smae add from which the MC was ordered from the Feb., 1963 American Rifleman. Of course, this is no more than coincidence.

JFK Back Wound Location: If I have not yet told you so, I am convinced that the location indicated on the face sheet is correct. Assuming that, there is a good chance that the bullet entering there went into the lung. But, as I have come to see, it is quite possible that if the shot came from the Pres's far right, it could have missed the lung, followed the muscle along the rib where it curves into the spine, and possibly have been stopped by the spine. You must realize that as the ribs join the spine there is a pronounced intendation in the curvature. Later I will send sketches.

Harold sent me a carbon of his letter to all of the Panel and autopsy docs. He asked me to make a copy to send to yu. However the carbon was so poor that it could barely be read let alone copied. So, to help us both, I typed up a new copy, with the identical text (any errors are my own) which is enclosed for you.

Must go. Sorry to be so terse--maybe I'll get a chance to write more later.

Still,

cc. Weisberg